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**HOUSE BILL 185**

**46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2004**

**INTRODUCED BY**

**Jim Trujillo**

**AN ACT**

**MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SERVICE FOR  
COMPLETION OF WORK RELATING TO A COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CARE COST  
STUDY AS REQUIRED BY LAWS 2003, CHAPTER 380.**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:**

**Section 1. APPROPRIATION. -- Two hundred thousand dollars  
(\$200,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the  
legislative council service for expenditure in fiscal year 2005  
to support the legislative health and human services committee  
in conducting a comprehensive study as required by Laws 2003,  
Chapter 380 and as a complement to the federal health resources  
and services administration state planning grant awarded to the  
human services department. The legislative health and human  
services committee, in consultation with the New Mexico health  
policy commission, shall work with the human services**

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1 department, the department of health, the children, youth and  
2 families department, the state agency on aging, other state  
3 agencies that provide health care services or programs directly  
4 or indirectly, health care provider associations and consumer  
5 advocate groups. The study shall produce data and information  
6 on state and personal health care expenditures; assess the  
7 impact of health care spending on the health care industry and  
8 the state's economy; develop an evaluation of compensated and  
9 uncompensated costs; analyze state and national health care  
10 reform efforts over the previous fifteen years; and develop  
11 recommendations on approaches to provide health care coverage  
12 and access for all New Mexicans. The purpose of the study is  
13 to develop a baseline of health care expenditures that will  
14 provide a reference for comparison to other states; develop and  
15 cost out various health plan benefit models; use economic and  
16 finance forecasting models; and identify options for health  
17 care coverage and access that the executive and legislature may  
18 consider to reduce the number of uninsured. Any unexpended or  
19 unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2005  
20 shall revert to the general fund.